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IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE AT PUDUCHERRY

Present: Dr. S. B. DEEPAK KUMAR, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Puducherry.

M.C. No. 54, dated 9-9-2011

ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 of Cr. P.C., 1973

Whereas, the Election Commission of India has announced on 6-9-2011, that bye-election for the Indira Nagar Assembly Constituency will be held on 13-10-2011 and soon after this announcement of the Election Schedule, the Model Code of Conduct has came into force with immediate effect;

And whereas, the Election Commission of India, issued instructions that the District Magistrate shall make a detailed and individual review and assessment of all licensed arms holders, so that licensed arms in those cases, where they consider it essential are impounded in order to ensure maintenance of law and order so essential for ensuing free and fair elections;

And whereas, the Election Commission of India, also instructed that prohibitory orders under section 144 of Cr.P.C., 1973, shall be issued banning the carrying of licensed arms as soon as an election is announced and should be effective till the declaration of results;

And whereas, it appears to me that carrying of fire arms, spears, swords, sticks, brickbats, lathis and other weapons by the public during the election period, is likely to lead to breach of peace and threat to peaceful conduct of election in the District of Puducherry or part thereof;

And whereas, in my opinion, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, to prohibit the action mentioned in para (4), which may be detrimental to public peace and tranquility and may pose threat to peaceful conduct of free and fair elections;

Now, therefore, I, Dr. S.B. Deepak Kumar, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Puducherry, do hereby prohibit possession and carrying of fire arms of any kind, spears, swords, stricks, brickbats, lathis, stones and other weapons by the general public in the District of Puducherry with immediate effect;

All the Station House Officers, shall make a detailed and individual review and assessment of all licence holders and all the arms licence holders shall deposit their weapons with the nearest Police Station immediately and in case, if the individual licence holder fails to deposit their arms the Station House Officer shall impound it. The Station House Officer shall furnish a detailed report on such deposit and seizure;

This ban shall not be applicable to those communities, who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage and also to those nationalised/private banks, where arms are necessary to safeguard cash chest. However, individual exemption order shall have to be obtained immediately.

Dated, the 11th day of September 2011.

Dr. S.B. DEEPAK KUMAR, I.A.S., District Magistrate.

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